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Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

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Title: **Speed Limit Changes on Various Town Roadways – Ordinance 2026-04**

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**Recommended Action:** That Council introduce Ordinance 2026-04 amending Chapter 10.05 (Speed Regulations) of the Town of Truckee Municipal Code.

**Discussion:**

The proposed Ordinance 2026-04 would reduce the speed limit along Donner Pass Road between South Shore Drive and State Route 89 from 35 miles per hour (MPH) to 30 MPH, as well as update the locations of various speed limits along Brockway Road between South River Street and Estates Drive.

**Donner Pass Road**

On July 9, 2025, Town staff, along with other agency partners, hosted a meeting with members of the public, including Donner Lake residents, to discuss community concerns regarding traffic speeds and volumes, pedestrian/bicycle safety, parking, and erosion control along Donner Lake. During the meeting, members of the public proposed many ideas on how to modify transportation behavior along Donner Pass Road adjacent to Donner Lake, including a speed limit reduction. In response, the Engineering Division conducted a speed limit evaluation along Donner Pass Road adjacent to Donner Lake, as well as between the Coldstream Road roundabout and State Route 89, based upon a recommendation from the Truckee Police Department.

Five speed surveys were conducted by Town staff along Donner Pass Road adjacent to Donner Lake since the summer of 2024, with speeds varying between 38 MPH and 41 MPH.

Per section 2B.21 of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), speed limits greater than 25 MPH are typically established by rounding the surveyed 85<sup>th</sup> percentile to the nearest 5 mph. After rounding the speed limits to the nearest 5 MPH, an initial 5 MPH reduction may be applied based on the findings of an Engineering and Traffic Survey as defined by California Vehicle Code Section 627. In addition to prevailing speeds, an Engineering and Traffic Survey may consider criteria such as residential and/or commercial density; safety of bicyclists and pedestrians; accident records; and highway, traffic, and roadside conditions that are not readily apparent to the driver. For example, a surveyed 41 MPH 85<sup>th</sup> percentile would be rounded to 40 MPH and then a 5 MPH reduction may occur, resulting in a 35 MPH speed limit. Applying this standard to the recorded speeds on Donner Pass Road in the study segment would justify a 35 MPH speed limit (recorded speed rounded to nearest 5 MPH with an additional 5 MPH reduction equates 35 MPH).

The CA MUTCD allows for an additional 5 MPH reduction in speed limit if the roadway is adjacent to land or a facility that generates a high concentration of bicyclists and pedestrians and if roadway crash data meets certain thresholds. Town staff conducted bicyclist and pedestrian surveys during the summer of

2025 which identified that this segment of Donner Pass Road has a high number of bicyclists and pedestrians when compared to other 35 MPH speed limit roadways within the Town. Town staff also analyzed crash data and determined it met the criteria for the additional speed limit reduction. Therefore, staff propose a reduction in the speed limit from 35 MPH to 30 MPH along Donner Pass Road between South Shore Drive and the Coldstream Road roundabout.

Town staff recently conducted two additional speed surveys along Donner Pass Road between the Coldstream Road roundabout and State Route 89, and both surveys support a proposed reduction in speed limit from 35 MPH to 30 MPH based on an Engineering and Traffic Survey and the CA MUTCD speed limit establishment standards.

### **Brockway Road**

In addition to speed limit adjustments on Donner Pass Road, Town staff are proposing speed limit adjustments along Brockway Road between South River Street and Estates Drive as shown in Attachment 3. During the fall of 2025, the Town received a service request asking for sign improvements along Brockway Road between South River Street and Palisades Drive. Town staff determined that the limits of the 25 MPH speed limit area (established by Ordinance) and the sign locations along Brockway Road should be adjusted to align with prevailing speeds and roadway characteristics changes (see map in Attachment 3). This recommendation is supported by a speed survey that was conducted in 2025 near the intersection of Brockway Road and Estates Drive and an Engineering and Traffic Survey conducted by Town staff.

### **Summary**

Staff recommend that Council introduce Ordinance 2026-04 (Attachment 1) to update speed limits on Donner Pass Road and Brockway Road, as shown in the map in Attachment 3. The proposed Ordinance would amend Chapter 10.05 to reflect these changes, as well as update new road names and references. A tracked changes version of Section 10.05.025 is provided in Attachment 2.

### **Priority:**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure Investment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency and Wildfire Preparedness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Core Service

**Fiscal Impact:** There will be staff time associated with sign manufacturing and installation. However, no outside consultants or contractors are expected to be required to implement the projects.

**Public Communication:** Public communication regarding the speed limit changes include update emails to Donner Lake residents that were part of the July 9, 2025 meeting and the staff report and presentation at the February 24, 2026, Town Council meeting.

### **Attachments:**

Attachment 1 – Ordinance 2026-04

Attachment 2 – Section 10.05.025 Tracked Changes

Attachment 3 – Speed Limit Changes Map